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¶1. (SBU) During a June 15 meeting with Ahmed Faouzi, Division Chief for International Organizations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, econoff drew from reftel points to urge Moroccan support of open consideration of the WIPO Director General issue at the Program and Budget Committee meeting in Geneva June 25-28, in the Coordination Committee, and at the WIPO General Assembly in September. Faouzi was previously unaware of the issue and noncommittal in his remarks.

¶2. (SBU) Faouzi asked if there was a plan or recommendation for a successor, adding that he thought it best to broaden the idea of resignation to include a recommendation for a successor. Faouzi offered that the DG's Sudanese nationality was significant, in that it will be difficult garnishing support to remove an African from such a position without recommending an African replacement. Faouzi closed the meeting by agreeing the situation was "troubling" as presented and pledged to share the information provided with the appropriate Moroccan officials.

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